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COAL
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WINDING UP OF COAL CONTROLLER OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the offices of the coal controller throughout the country have been wound up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decision of the Government to have job cuts in subsidiaries of Coal India Limitedwill have any adverse effect on the employees and workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) & (b): Field offices of the Coal Controller's Organisation set up for sampling and analysing of Coal by deploying Coal India Limited's staff have been closed in March, 2001. However, the Principal office of Coal Controller at Kolkata and its branch office at Dhanbad have not been closed.

(c) to (e): Towards rationalization of surplus manpower in BCCL, CCL and ECL, grants-in-aid for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) are being provided by Government of India. Up to January 2001, Rs.505.00 crore have been released under VRS and 24,877 persons have availed of VRS in BCCL, CCL and ECL. A target has been set for retirement of 11,500 persons under VRS in these three subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited and a provision of Rs. 156.99 crore has been made for this purpose during the year 2001-02. VRS is a purely voluntary scheme and opting for it is left to the volition of the worker